A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) The Council's request is under consideration.

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR :—"May I know whether the consideration so far has been sympathetic and favourable ?" (Laughter).

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"We received the memorial about the middle of December last and that has been forwarded to the Surgeon-General and we are awaiting his report."

Public Health

Supply of drinking water to Salem town from the Mettur Project.

* 358 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether steps have been taken to supply drinking water to Salem town from the Mettur Project ; and if so, when the supply is expected ;

(*b*) whether the Government have favourably considered the question of charging Salem only one-third of the cost of this work ; and

(*c*) whether any deputation waited upon the former Governor about the charges for this work ?

A.—(*a*) A scheme for the supply of water to Salem town from the Mettur dam is now under investigation.
(*b*) The financing of the scheme will be considered on receipt from the Sanitary Engineer of the report on the investigation. The report is expected to be ready by the end of February 1931.
(*c*) Yes.

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur :—"May I know what will be the cost of the scheme ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"It will be 19 lakhs if the scheme is to be confined to Salem town alone ; but if it is to serve the neighbouring villages also it will be $22\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"Is it to be a Government scheme or a private scheme ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU :—"Notice."

Veterinary

Rinderpest in Malabar and South Kanara.

* 359 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Touring Veterinary Assistant Surgeons in Malabar and South Kanara ;

(*b*) the number of deaths due to rinderpest in the two districts in the last official year and till 31st December 1930 ;

(*c*) the number of rinderpest cases attended to by the Veterinary department ;

(*d*) the number of serum simultaneous inoculations done by the Veterinary department ;

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(*e*) whether the Government propose to increase the number of Touring Veterinary Assistant Surgeons ; and

(*f*) whether the Government have any proposals under consideration to increase the number of veterinary hospitals and dispensaries in the West Coast ?

	Malabar.	South Kanara.
A.—(*a*) Number of Touring Veterinary Assistant Surgeons	5	3
Number of Probationary Assistant Surgeons engaged in touring work.	...	1
Number of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons in charge of Veterinary Dispensaries with touring work ...	...	2
(*b*) Number of deaths due to rinderpest in the last official year...	5,080	1,288
Number of deaths due to rinderpest from 1st April 1930 to 31st December 1930	3,608	1,685
(*c*) Number of rinderpest outbreaks attended to during the last official year in the two districts	372	
Number of rinderpest outbreaks attended to during 1930 up to 1st December 1930 in the two districts.	284[a]	
(*d*) Number of serum simultaneous inoculations done during the last official year in the two districts ...	15,420	
Number of serum simultaneous inoculations done from 1st April 1930 to 31st December 1930 in the two districts	8,429	

(*e*) & (*f*) No such proposals are under consideration of the Government. The Touring Staff and Veterinary institutions are increased every year according to the availability of funds and staff and the needs of the various districts in this Presidency.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" As the result of the representations made to the hon. Minister during his recent visit to Mangalore about the increasing mortality from rinderpest, may I know what further steps the Government have taken to combat this epidemic ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" The Government are taking all necessary steps."

Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" Is there any proposal to increase the allowance for the Veterinary officers to enable them to do their work efficiently ? " (Laughter.)

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan :—" No, Sir."

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a This is for eleven months ending November 1930 and so includes three months figures (372) given for the official year 1929–30. Separate figures for the period 1st April to 1st December are not available.